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TRAINING CAMPS FOR INSTRUCTORS,
STUDENTS' ARMY TRAINING CORPS.

General Purpose of the Camp.

1. The Students' Army Training Corps is an organization to be created with units in each institution of collegiate grade whose enrollment is one hundred or more male students. This Corps comes into being at the beginning of the college year 1918 - 1919, and exists during the period of the war. Through this organization the War Department will institute a uniform and comprehensive course of military instruction in the colleges to fit properly qualified students for final training for commissions. The camp is established to enable the colleges to develop a corps of assistant instructors. Students attending these camps must enlist for sixty days, at the end of which time they will be discharged.

Organization and Administration.

2. These camps are established by direction of the Secretary of War. They will be administered by the commanding general of the Departments in which the camps are located. They are under the general supervision of the Committee on Education and Special Training. The location of the camp with the estimated total attendance is as follows:

Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.....	3250
Fort Sheridan, Ill.....	2750
Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.....	1250
Howard University, D. C. (for colored students).....	200

Distribution.

3. Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.-- Selected members from educational institutions, of collegiate grade whose enrollments is one hundred or more male students, in the Eastern Department; in the Northwestern Department; and from the States of

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, in the Southern Department and West Virginia in the Central Department.

Fort Sheridan, Ill.-- Selected members from educational institutions, of collegiate grade in the Central Department, with the exception of the States of Colorado and West Virginia; those in the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama in the Southeastern Department; and those from the States of Oklahoma and Texas in the Southern Department.

Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.-- Selected members from educational institutions of collegiate grade in the Western Department; those from the State of Colorado in the Central Department; and those from the States of Arizona and New Mexico in the Southern Department.

4. The training camps will be designated "Plattsburg Students' Army Training Corps camp," "Fort Sheridan Students' Army Training Corps Camp," "Presidio of San Francisco Students' Army Training Corps Camp," and "Washington D. C. Students' Army Training Corps Camp," abbreviated "Plattsburg S. A. T. C. Camp," etc.

Such instruction and administrative personnel will be provided for the camps as the Secretary of War may deem necessary, and its composition will be announced in orders from the Adjutant General of the Army. The instructions will comprise infantry training and the basic principles of the infantry platoon in European Warfare. Foreign officers will, if practicable, assist in the instructions.

Equipment.

5. As far as practicable the equipment issued to the student personnel for use during the camps will be of the latest model. The individual equipment issued for the purpose of instruction will consist of that prescribed for privates. A complete set of equipment will be issued to each student, who will be responsible for same.

Each student will clean his own equipment and keep it in proper condition.

Before departure from the camp all equipment must be cleaned by the student to whom it was issued, and it will then be checked in by the supply officer to whose department it pertains, or by his agent. All property lost or damaged will be charged to the student responsible for the loss or damage, who will be required to reimburse the Government for same.

The Government will furnish beds or cots, bedsacks, blankets, cooking and messing outfits, and such property as may be necessary. The articles issued to each student must be turned in at the termination of the camp. Any articles lost or damaged through carelessness or neglect will be charged to the student responsible for the loss or damage, who will be required to reimburse the Government.

Supply officers of the several supply departments will make authorized issues of public property directly to the students, keeping all records relating thereto in their offices. The instructor and student personnel will be relieved from all work connected with the issue of public property.

Uniform.

6. Each student in attendance at the camps will be furnished by the Government the uniform prescribed for the Students' Army Training Corps, which will be the same as that of a private soldier. No student will be allowed to have in his possession during the camp any civilian clothing or any uniforms except those prescribed by the camp commander.

Subsistence.

7. The subsistence of students in attendance will be at the Government expense, and the ration allowance will be the Government ration prepared at Government expense.

Subsistence (Continued).

At the termination of the camp all savings on the ration allowance will be returned to the Quartermaster who paid the allowance.

Pay and Mileage.

8. Students who enlist in the camps will receive the pay of a private soldier (\$30.00 per month). Students will receive mileage at the rate of 4 cents per mile for the distance from their colleges, or homes, from whichever they reported, to the camps which they attend, and mileage at the rate of 4 cents per mile from such camp after completion of course, to their homes or colleges within the limits of the United States.

Interior Discipline.

9. Those who attend the camps will for the period of enlistment belong to the Army of the United States, and will be subject to military law. They must comply with all orders or instructions issued by proper authority, and must earnestly and actively pursue the course of instruction prescribed. Any failure in this respect, and any inattention or neglect may be punished by the withholding of privileges. In aggravated cases students will be discharged by the camp commander, or otherwise punished.

A neat, soldierly appearance of the students must be insisted upon. Rigid discipline as to the conditions of quarters and equipment must be enforced, and the highest standard of personal hygiene and camp sanitation insisted upon.

Withdrawals from the Camp.

10. Any student who is guilty of misconduct or shows indifference to training, or whose habits or traits of character indicate that he would not be qualified to receive a commission when reaching the proper age will be discharged from the camp. A full report concerning the discharge, setting forth reasons for same, will be prepared in duplicate, one copy of which will be forwarded to the

Withdrawals from the Camp (Continued).

Adjutant General of the Army, and the other to the Educational Institution from which the student reported. Any student who is compelled by necessity to leave the camp through no fault or misconduct of his own may be discharged by the camp commander. Students discharged from the camp will be entitled to mileage from their colleges or homes, to the camp, but not from the camp to their homes or colleges. Students discharged from the camp in order to answer draft summons will be paid mileage to the place they are ordered to report. Members of the camps may make application to enter officers' training camps, and if accepted, they will be discharged from the camp, and they will be paid mileage to the place they are ordered to report.

Reports Required.

11. Upon the completion of each camp, the camp commander will submit a report to the Adjutant General of the Army containing information called for on printed forms which will be furnished by the War Department. This information will include:

- a. A roster showing the nature and character of the duty performed by each Regular, National Army, and Reserve Officer on duty at the camp.
- b. The total number of students undergoing instruction at the camp.
- c. A complete report as to the benefits derived from the camp, and recommendations regarding the conduct of such camps in the future.
- d. A list showing the names of students attending the camp from the educational institution concerned.
- e. A list giving the names, ages, and addresses of those students who, by their progress in military instruction, and their bearing and behavior are worthy of special commendation, and to whom certificates are granted, with the remarks on the certificate, and the specialty,

This is to certify that
 (Name of student.)
 of
 (Name of educational institution.)
 has successfully completed the course of instruction at the Plattsburg Students'
 Army Training Corps Camp from July 18 to September 16, 1918.

Form of Certificate (Continued).

Bayonet.....

Automatic Rifle.....

Hand Grenade.....

Rifle Grenade.....

Remarks:

(a)

(b)

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Commanding Camp.

Existing regulations regarding vaccination will be carried out at these camps.

Instruction.

13. Discipline, precise, rigid, and exacting, must be the keynote of these camps. Many of the students will report from schools in which they are not habitually in uniform and under military discipline, and the necessity for and the meaning of discipline will probably be the most important part of their instruction. The salute, bearing, demeanor, and address of instructors and students must be required to meet the highest standard of correctness at all times.

The nomenclature and care of the rifle and infantry equipment and familiarity with the handling of the rifle and bayonet will be emphasized in the instruction.

Company and camp sanitation must be emphasized throughout the course. The camp commanders will cause lectures on sanitation to be given by the medical officers of the camps.

Efforts have been made to obtain the most modern equipment available for the camps, and in the limited time allowed for the instruction every effort should be made to make the instruction practical. Many of the students are from institutions whose drill grounds are small and do not permit instruction that requires large

Instruction (Continued).

maneuver grounds. On this account full use should be made of facilities at the camp.

The primary object of the instruction is to develop instructors for the Students' Army Training Corps.

Self-help and self-instruction should be urged upon the students by the instructors, and the students must be shown its great value and the art of furthering it among men should they later become officers. The worth-while student needs but to be advised by his instructors of the books and pamphlets he should secure for self-help, and if they are available for his use he will gladly and quickly get them. It should be impressed upon every student that this training period is not for pleasure, but for work, with the view of making him a soldier and preparing him to take his part in the military machine of his government.

Instructors will arrange rosters whereby, as far as practicable, all members of the companies are given an opportunity to act in each company grade. Exceptions may be made in the case of men who have shown unfitness or incapacity and who will probably not profit enough by the experience to warrant detail to higher grades.

Students will be given theoretical and practical instruction in the administration of the interior economy of the company. They will prepare the reports of their organizations under the supervision of the instructors.

During the second phase, members of the faculties who attend the camps will be given instruction in military administration. Camp commanders will give them practical work by causing them to serve for a period in the office of the camp adjutant. The object of this instruction will be to fit faculty members of the Students' Army Training Corps for the duties of adjutant, and assistant adjutant in the colleges. It is hoped that by this means the army officers on duty at the colleges may be freed from a large amount of the routine administrative matters and can devote the maximum time to training.

Instruction(Continued).

Also during the second phase, instruction will be given in military engineering and in the work of medical units, to students from engineering colleges and medical schools.

To secure uniform progress in all four camps a minimum number of hours per week for each subject is prescribed in the first phase, and in the first two weeks of the second phase. Latitude is thus left to the camp commanders to adjust their schedules to local conditions.

Schedules of daily instruction are essential to thoroughness and uniformity. They should be prepared with the utmost study and care, and should be strictly adhered to. Instructors should be frequently assembled for conference as to the work, methods to be followed, and results to be expected. Students should also be encouraged in every possible way to qualify in the minimum specifications for trained Infantry prescribed in Provisional Infantry Training Manual, 1918 (Training Circular No. 8, WPD 9383-312), so far as these minimum specifications apply.

Standardization and test methods outlined in Training Circular No. 14 (WPD 9383-353) will be adopted. These methods have given very rapid results and have been highly successful in the Replacement Camps, and it is desired to introduce into our colleges next fall the best training methods. They are particularly suited to exerting pressure and developing the initiative and commanding power of the instructors, which is the primary object of the camp.

Schedule of Instruction.

14. The schedule of instruction that will govern at these camps is given below. It will be the endeavor of all officers on duty to bring the men up to the trained standard, rather than to devote so many hours to instruction.

Schedule of Instruction (Continued).

The program for the camp will be divided into two phases of four weeks each;
first phase July 22 to August 19.

The first phase will be for students who have had no previous military experience. The remaining men (those having had military experience) as non-commissioned-officer-instructors during the first phase. This will give them a valuable opportunity to develop their powers of command. If there are more than one set of non-commissioned officer instructors, the camp commander will devise for the additional ones, special courses, theoretical and practical, in advanced minor tactics, night work, tactical walks, terrain exercises, lectures on morale and military psychology, and military law. It is expected that the first four days will be devoted to establishing the camp, and to preliminary drill.

First Phase.

First week (beginning July 22) -

	Hours.
Study hours and conference	10

Study and conference subjects-

- Infantry Drill Regulations.
- Manual of Interior Guard Duty.
- Care of Arms and Equipment.
- Assembling and Adjusting Packs.
- Notes on Bayonet Training.
- Military Courtesy and Discipline.
- Customs of the Service.

Drill-

Physical.....	3
School of the Soldier.....	6
School of the Squad and Platoon.....	6
Assembling and Adjusting Packs.....	3
Guard Duty.....	2

First Phase (Continued).

Drill (Continued)-

Musketry (pointing, position and aiming drill).... 3

Practice march-

Company without arms..... 1

Company with arms..... 1

Company with light pack..... 1

Examinations, tests, etc..... $\frac{1}{27}$

Second week (beginning July 29) -

Hours.

Study hours and conference..... 10

Study and conference subjects-

Infantry Drill Regulations.

Manual of Interior Guard Duty.

Small Arms Firing Manual.

Signal Book.

Notes on Bayonet Training.

Drill-

Physical..... 3

School of Squad and Platoon, close and extended order, patrolling..... 6

School of the Company..... 3

Musketry (pointing, position, and aiming)..... 3

Training in giving commands..... 1

Signaling..... 3

Bayonet..... 5

Guard duty..... 2

Gas defense..... 1

Practice march - Company light pack..... 3

First Phase (Continued).

Drill (Continued)-

Lecture - Castrametation; Personal Hygiene and
Camp Sanitation..... 1

Examinations, tests, etc..... $\frac{1}{32}$

Third week (beginning August 5)-

Study hours and conference..... Hours. 10

Study and conference subjects-

Infantry Drill Regulations.

Small Arms Firing Manual.

Field Service Regulations.

Map Reading.

Musketry -- Target Designation.

Drill-

Physical..... 3

School of the Platoon and Company, close and extend-
ed order and field fortifications..... 9

Gas defense..... 1

Signaling..... 2

Musketry -- Target Designation, Pointing, Position,
and aiming..... 3

Bayonet..... 3

Field Work-

Patrolling..... 3

Advance and rear guard..... 3

Practice march -- Company light pack..... 3

Lecture -- Service of Security and information..... 1

Examinations, tests, etc..... $\frac{1}{33}$

First Phase (Continued).

Fourth week (beginning August 12)-

	Hours.
Study hours and conference.....	10 11
Study and conference subjects-	

First week Infantry Drill Regulations.

Field Service Regulations. 10

Study and No tes on Grenade Warfare.

Training and Instruction of Bombers.

Drill-

Instruction in the Offensive Conduct of Small Units.

Physical..... 3

Gas defense..... 1

School of the Company, close and extended order..... 4

School of the Battalion..... 4

Field Work-

Target practice (all units shoot qualification courses, or Special Course C.)..... 10

Outposts..... 3

Extended order of the Platoon (European)..... 3

Shelter Tent Camp..... 2

Company in Attack and Defense, including field

fortification..... 5

Battalion in Attack and Defense, including field

fortification..... 5

Throwing Hand Grenades..... 2

Practice march -- Company full pack..... 3

Ceremonies..... 2

Lecture -- Principles of Combat..... 1

Examinations, tests, etc..... 1

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Second Phase.

August 19 to September 16.

This phase will be for all students at the camp. It will emphasize particularly European Warfare.

First week (beginning August 19) -

Hours.

Study hours and conference..... 10

Study and conference subjects-

Field Service Regulations.

Instruction in the Offensive Conduct of Small Units.

Training Circular No. 1 (WFD 9383-209).

Drill-

Physical..... 3

Gallery practice..... 6

Target practice (all men to shoot qualification course,
or Special Course C. .)..... 10

Extended order of the Platoon (European)..... 2

(Bayonet..... 3

(Automatic rifle..... 3

Specialties:

(Hand grenade..... 1

(Rifle grenade..... 1

Practice march -- Company in full pack (advance guard formation)... 4

Ceremonies..... 2

Liaison - trench warfare..... $\frac{1}{36}$

Second Phase (Continued).

Second week (beginning August 26)-

Study hours and conference..... Hours. 10

Study and conference subjects-

Instructions in the Offensive of Small Units.

Field Service Regulations.

Drill-

Physical..... 3

Practice march -- Company in full pack (Rear guard formation).. 5

Target Practice..... 12

Formation for attack (European)..... 3

(Bayonet..... 3

(Automatic rifle..... 3

Specialties:

(Hand grenade..... 1

(Rifle grenade..... 1

Ceremonies..... 2

Artillery Lectures..... 3

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The work for the third and fourth weeks of the Second Phase,

September 2 to September 16, will be arranged according to the state of completion of target practice.

At the beginning of the last two weeks all men should be familiar with the weapons of the Infantry Platoon - rifle, bayonet, automatic rifle, hand grenade, and rifle grenade.